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# **Jobless rates drop in 73 counties from May 2006 to May 2007**

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**EDITORS NOTE:** May county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/May2007charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 73 Kentucky counties between May 2006 and May 2007, rose in 45 counties and remained the same in two counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.6 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 4 percent; Shelby County, 4.1 percent; Boone and Scott counties, 4.3 percent each; Franklin, Jessamine, Mason and Oldham counties, 4.4 percent each; Anderson, Henry, Larue and Warren counties, 4.5 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 13.3 percent. It was followed by Clay County, 11.2 percent; Magoffin County, 10.7 percent; Harlan and Owsley counties, 9.9 percent each; Wolfe County, 9.5 percent; Leslie and McCreary counties, 9.3 percent each; Fulton County, 8.9 percent; and Muhlenberg County, 8.7 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and

unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

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